Save During the December Suit Clearance

A very timely event-coming right after the purse has been depleted by gift-buying you'll welcome the chance to buy an elegant suit at half price. No correct style or material is missing. There are strictly tailored suits and braid-trimmed suits in black and best colors. Lined with silk or satin.

\$10 & \$12.50 \$20.00 \$5.00 \$9.50 Suits..... \$25 to \$35 \$15.00 Suits..

Beginning



Washington's Fastest Growing

Store.

Take Your Pick of All That's Left ---They Must Go at Once

Cost and value of toys do not count here after Christmas-because we have neither desire nor space to accommodate them after the holiday season. If you've forgotten some little friend-if you've been delayed in your toy buying-if you are seeking gifts to decorate trees later in the week-our Toy Department offers prices way below wholesale. While the leftovers are small in quantity, there's plenty of variety in both big and little toys. Exactly half marked prices is all you need pay. We handle toys only during the Xmas period, and must sell the laggards regardless of cost.

Holiday Gifts Sacrificed

Gifts for everybody are reduced to "GIFT" prices.

few, there are Collar Boxes, Jewel Boxes, Beer Steins, Nut Sets, Children's Eating Sets, Pomade Jars, Salt and Pepper Sets, Hatpin Holders, Mounted Whisk Brooms and Japanese China of 50c and 75c Values.... This lot includes among many

others, Fancy Glove and Handkerchief Boxes, Japanese Vases, Jewel Boxes, Gold Mirrors and Picture Frames, Manieure Sets, Brass Jardinieres, Military Sets, Steins, Hair Receivers, Infants' Comb and Brush Sets and Fancy

Several departments contribute to this diverse assortment of beautiful and useful gifts-Comb and Brush Sets, Men's Military Sets, Inkstands, Clothes Brushes, Infants' Comb and Brush Sets, Manicure Sets, Gold Clocks, Jewel Boxes and six-piece Dresser Sets are included.

Special! \$5.00 California \$2.95

Xmas sale, securing the maker's surplus at a sacrifice. Well known California Wool-filled Blankets, extra thick and fleecy, and just as warm as the highest-priced, all-wool kinds. Choice of white and gray, with colored borders and wide silk binding, \$2.95.

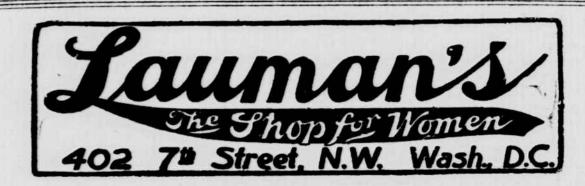
\$2.50 Wool-nap \$1.69 Blankets.... 11-4 Blankets, in white, gray and tan; heavy and fleecy, with strong foundation that insures long wear. Gray and tan, with deep colored

\$1.25 10-4 Blan- 69C kets..... Gray and White Double Blankets for light covering. Firmly made, with soft, warm fleece and finished with colored borders. Best value possible at \$1.25. A bargain at the

Like Giving Away Handkerchiefs

Forget somebody? Here's a quick solution—and one that saves you money. We're closing out gift handkerchiefs at cut prices. The two lots contain pure linen and sheer lawn handkerchiefs in a hundred dainty lace and embroidered effects—the season's best novel-ties—gifts that will be sure to

kerchiefs.....9c 25c and 35c Hand-kerchiefs.....17c



Great Semi-Annual Clearance Sale Begins Tomorrow.

Values That Transcend Any Previous Offering of

Women's and Misses'

Suits

Dresses

Coats Waists

Of Regular Prices.

Assortments Too Large to Enumerate

But Prices Reduced to HALF AND LESS.

Store Hours: 8:30 A.M to 6 P.M.; Saturdays, 9 P.M.

Russo-Japanese Friendship.

ST. PETERSBURG, December 25.-The first dinner of the Russo-Japanese So-St. Petersburg, and M Kokovsoff, the Russian premier, exchanged toasts, both referring to the value of Russo-Japanese

The eastbound fast train on the Southern railway, known as the "Memphis special," ran into a herd of beef cattle at a street crossing at Philadelphia, Tenn., killing twelve head without serious damage to the trains.

friendly relations.

News Briefs.

Scott Sirk of Villa Nova, near Gassa-way, W. Va., had both legs and an arm ciety, recently formed here, was held last cut off in the railroad yards at Belington, might at the Japanese embassy. Baron W. Va. He had on a pair of shoes Ichiro Motono, Japanese ambassador at he slipped on a rail and fell.

Luther T. Miles, eighty-nine years old, of Somerset county, Md., an uncle of former Representative Joshua W. Miles, died at his home, near Marion, Saturday night from heart failure.

A Star Want Ad Appears in 60,000 Pa pers, read daily by over 120,000 people. Saved by a Nose!

From the Chicago Post. to the girl he was trying to impress "Their howling penetrated to our very marrow. We fled for our lives. But each second we knew that the ravenous pack was gaining on us. Closer, closer-at last

True Virginian Way.

GOOD CHEER EVERYWHERE PRESIDENT'S QUIET DAY

Even, and Justice Is Tempered With Mercy.

pecial Correspondence of The Star. ALEXANDRIA, Va., December 25, 1911. Alexandria is celebrating Christmas in true Virginia style. The day has been

marked by religious services, and during the morning and afternoon hours the streets have been thronged with merrymakers making calls and exchanging Yuletide presents. Many kept open house luring the day. Alexandria's younger generation were

Many remained up to see the coming

and blowing horns. vere those held at St. Mary's Academy with the celebration of a midnight mass. St. Mary's Catholic Church was the first one to hold Christmas services, a mass being celebrated at 5 o'clock this morning. Most of the other churches in the city

held services later in the day. Special Dinners in Jail.

The Christmas spirit was in the air, and he inmates of the various charitable institutions, together with those in prison, were made as happy as possible. At the city jail Sergt. Cox provided a special but a happy family gathering. dinner for the prisoners, and the inmates of the city almshouse were given a speial dinner by Keeper Sherwood. This fternoon the children at the Children's lome were given a turkey dinner, and The police report the day as being unnoon. Under the provisions of the Byrd liquor law the saloons here were closed.

Jury for January Term.

at this term are a number for violations of the internal revenue laws, some of which have already been before the court The jury summoned follows: Charles A. White, John E. Rodgers, Fredericks-burg; B. V. White, L. G. Caviness, R. Bruce Ogden, A. M. Chichester, jr.; Samuel S. Lutz, Leesburg; Thomas N. Brent, jr., Fredericksburg; O. E. Newman, Manassas; W. C. Williams and der.

Justice Tempered With Mercy.

Because it is Christmas Justice Caton dealt lightly with many of the prisoners who greeted him this morning for a quickly stopped. Mr. Roosevelt was pictured as talking over the affairs of state with a negro coal driver. headquarters. Fines were imposed only on two of the many who were arraigned, while several forfeited their collateral White House and the United States atby failing to appear.

A fine of \$50 was imposed in the case of Edward Bryant, colored, charged with carrying concealed weapons. Edward Johnson, colored, who, it was alleged, took a chicken which did not belong to

Charles Sorrell, twenty-one years old, was arrested by the police yesterday on suspicion of being implicated in the robbery of freight cars at the Potomac railtwo colored, also held on suspicion of being connected with the robbery, will be

Washington.
At the point of a pistol two unidentified highwaymen held up William Burroughs, colored, shortly before 1 o'clock yesterday morning at Washington and Princess streets, and relieved him of a quart of wine and two pairs of socks. The highwaymen went through his pockets, but overlooked \$4.50 which he had in his hip pocket. Burroughs was on his way to his home across the canal. He is employed at the Hydraulic brick He is employed at the Hydraulic brick yards, Alexandria county.

Lewis Edelen died this morning at his home, 1021 Princess street. The deceased for many years was employed as blacksmith at the carriage factory of John W. Summers & Co. Several children survive him. The arrangements for the funeral have not yet been made.

The remains of Mrs. Susan E. Crump, who died at Strasburg, Va., were brought here this afternoon and taken to Lincolnia. Fairfax county, Va., at

Jeweled Guns in Rare Collection. MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., December 25.

-A collection of rare Japanese, Perapolis Academy of Science by T. B. missive: Walker of this city. The Persian and "Life of a gentleman who passed graved with designs of animals, birds Job and reptiles, while the stocks are inlaid with seals and crests of nobility and royalty.

Wealthy Manufacturer Dead. DENVER, Col., December 25 .- S. H. Bell, fifty-four years old, a wealthy flour manufacturer, and member of a Philadelphia firm, is dead here from a complica-

Yuletide Being Observed in Are Large as to Numbers and Cordial as to Tone.

Good Dinners, Too, for Prisoners, Has a Family Celebration, But No Christmas Tree.

PUTS BAN ON PHOTOGRAPHS

White House Objects to Using Likeness of President for Purposes

of Advertising.

President Taft's Christmas has been made unusually happy by the receipt of many hundreds of letters and teleip bright and early looking over the gifts grams from friends and well wishers nat Santa Claus had brought them and in all parts of the country. The White nere was an abundance of Christmas House executive force, kept on duty part of the day, was confronted by a mass of these greetings. The President of Christmas, and a large number of has always been remembered this way revelers who were on the streets amused but the greetings today were ten times themselves by discharging firecrackers as numerous as in the past, and breathed a spirit of cordiality that The first church services of the day kept the clerks who handled them in

the best of humor. President Taft spent only a few minutes in his office during the day. He received no visitors, but signed some letters and some Christmas messages. He spent a very quiet morning in his library, reading newspapers and other publications, and joining with Mrs. Taft and their children in looking over the many presents received. The three Taft children, Robert, Charles and Miss Helen, are at home. There was no Christmas tree or other display

Big Turkey for Dinner.

At dinner at 7:30 o'clock tonight the only guests will be Miss Harriet Anderson, Mrs. Taft's niece, and Miss Edith Morgan of New York. A fortyusually quiet, there being little or no dis- pound turkey, from Tuscaloosa, Ala., order. No arrests had been made up to the biggest bird the White House has ever had, will grace the table. It is from an admirer of the President in

The President hopes to have a rest-The January term of the United States ful week, part of the time devoted to court for the eastern district of Virginia outdoors. He sees a strenuous winter of politics and legislation ahead, and he is not anxious to hurry into it too Edmund Waddill presiding. A petit jury has just been summoned. There will be on grand jury at this term of court. homes of a few friends to extend the season's greetings.

No More Composite Photographs.

The White House, in reply to a let-P. Waller, sr.: W. H. P. Kelly, Dallas ter, has requested a Pennsylvania Richardson, John L. Monroe, J. B. avenue photographer to make no more Drew, James E. Legg, Alexandria; Drew, James E. Legg, Alexandria; Samuel H. Beale, J. L. Savage, Nelson C. Deekner, W. J. Ford, George W. Heflin, William H. Richards, jr.; John wish the notoriety of appearing on

W. B. McAlister, Orange; John R. He wrote President Taft, objecting to Clemens, Leesburg; James E. Nelson the order of the United States attorney, and P. P. Chapman, Manassas; Riley but the White House has requested that Fletcher, King William Courthouse: the scheme be discontinued, basing its Fletcher, King William Courthouse: George Grayson, Warrenton; Samuel Diener and R. P. Whitestone, Culpeper; John R. Fiske, Quantico; J. C. Gordon, Brandy; H. D. Dahl, Centralia; Bruce Stark, Rixeyville; Franklin Williams, Vienna; Ashton C. Jones Clarendon; J. A. Quaintance, Boston; D. L. Glascock, Remington; A. W. Ph... lips, Waterford; L. H. Davis, Albany.

ble here are of the President standing up shaking hands with another, this other being a person willing to pay for this supposed distinction. In Roosevelt's ad-

Banker Morse Not Freed.

President Taft has decided that he wil not pardon Charles W. Morse, the New him and also destroyed property, was York banker, at this time. Alarming re tined \$5. ports of the physical condition of Mr Morse having come from Atianta, the President directed Assistant Attorney General Fowler to obtain a report from road yards. Samuel Sorrell, Wash the army physicians attending Mr. Morse Mines and Jim Minor, the last-named at the army post at Atlanta, With the at the army post at Atlanta. With the two colored, also held on suspicion of being connected with the robbery, will be given a hearing tomorrow morning before Justice Louis D. Albert, Alexandria county. Jim Mason, colored, who it was alleged drove a wagon in which the goods were hauled, has been released, there being no evidence against him.

Copyliner Company Chartered.

The International Copyliner Company. Inc., of this city, has been granted a charter by the state corporation commission, with a capital stock of \$150,000. The object is to manufacture patent copyliners. Officers are F. S. Appleman, president; W. J. Turkenton, vice president; R. L. Newhouser, secretary, all of Washington.

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Talks to School Children. President Taft made a brief talk to the unday School children of All Souls' Unitarian Church yesterday morning. The President rarely misses a Sunday morning service at this church, but yesterday he o'clock, and when asked to say some- Christmas Entertainment by Church

brought here this afternoon and taken to Lincolnia, Fairfax county, Va., at which place the burial was made.

St. Paul's Episcopal Sunday School

St. Paul's Episcopal Sunday School

The street property of the pleasure of the pleasure of dist Episcopal young ladies' bible class will hold its Christmas celebration at receiving them. In other words, the will hold its Christmas celebration at 5 o'clock this afternoon in the parish hall of that church. A musical and literary program will be given, which give than to receive. The lasting joy from the First Presbyterian Church prewill be followed by the distribution of you have in serving somebody else and prizes to the children. number of young people of the city for a dance, which will be given January 2 next at the Elks' Hall.

uitimately impress itself on you, so that Christmas will mean a great deal more to you in the future than it means now—

The usual prison "church" Arrangements have been made by a ultimately impress itself on you, so that of Bethlehem," and the convict orchestra much as it now means to you." The President concluded by wishing those present a merry Christmas.

Gets Life of Job.

Among the presents received by Presi sian and Arabian arms, richly mounted dent Taft this morning was a neatly in silver and inlaid with precious bound volume from an admirer, accomstones, has been presented to the Minne- panied with the following explanatory

Arabian guns are of the finest work- through many trials and tribulations bemanship. Some of the Japanese fore he came into his own."

weapons have octagon steel barrels Upon opening the volume the President nearly four inches in diameter and was not displeased when he saw it was weigh 100 pounds. The barrels are en- a specially bound copy of the Book of Morse's Condition Unchanged.

> ATLANTA, Ga., December 25 .- There was no material change in the condition of Charles W. Morse this morning. He has not been informed of the failure of his application for a pardon.



STORE OPENS 8:30 A.M.

After-Xmas sale of outergarments Begins tomorrow with big reductions.

offered beginning tomorrow. And notwithstanding the great inroads on our various stocks, we still show the largest variety of styles in this city.

Bargains even greater than we have been distributing during the past few weeks will be

Over one thousand suits, embracing every fabric, every color and every effect, are cut further in price.

\$22.50 suits,

\$25.00 suits, \$16.95

\$32.50 suits,

\$40.00 suits,

Next

to Cor.

Handsome model suits which were \$55 cut to \$35.

\$18.00 Coats, of mixtures and cheviots,

\$25 Coats, of finest \$32.50 Coats, of handfancy cloths - semi- some broadcloth - many fitted and reversible, styles of trimming.

\$15.00 \$42.50 Seal Plush Coats, brocaded silk linings, \$25.

Down go the furs

\$75 Russian Ponyskin Coats \$50 \$125 Handsome \$75 Seal Coats now... \$200 Finest Seal Coats -very best- \$125

One-of-a-kind Evening Coats cut \$25 & \$27.50 Evening coats, \$16.95 \$35 & \$40.00 Evening coats, \$25.00

All handsome models of copied imported styles at great reduction.

Over 500 beautiful Evening and Street Dresses sacrificed.

Serge Dresses, in a great | \$35 and \$40 Dresses for | variety of stylish trimmings. Were \$15. Now ing wear, now

\$8.95

dancing, street and even-

33 Handsome and Exclusive Evening and Dancing Gowns. Sold up to \$90. \$35.00

All waists at greatly reduced prices.

Larger assortment of Waists at \$2.98, \$3.98, \$5, \$7.95 and \$10-all worth at least a third

New 1912 spring models in Waists which sold so rapidly for Xmas giving-and which will be \$3 and \$5-are here at \$1.98 and \$2.98.

All silk kimonos and silk underskirts are reduced,

KILLS TWO BABIES AND SELF. Insane Montanan Sends Wife From House Before Committing Deed. GREAT FALLS, Mont., December 25 .- A

homesteader named Brock, living at the head of Cora creek, twelve miles from Belt, shot and killed his two babies, twenty months and six weeks old, and then committed suicide today, He had previously told his wife to go to his two nearest neighbors and ask

them to come to him for consultation.
When she returned she found the three bodies with a rifle by Brock's Brock is believed to have been insane.

PLUNGES IN LAKE MICHIGAN. Chicago Artist Keeps Pledge Made a

Month Ago. CHICAGO, December 25.-Keeping a row made a month ago, Morris Spielberger, an artist, plunged into Lake Michigan yesterday, and remained in the water twenty-two minutes. He was so proud of his act that he posed for pictures after coming out of the

With the water dripping from his bathing suit Spielberger faced a chilly wind as he walked several blocks to At a dinner a few days before Thanksgiving, the artist took an oath that he would swim in Lake Michigan the day before Christmas. William Stone, a friend, who was present at the dinner, did not let Spielberger for-get. Stone called on Spielberger at

MUSIC CHEERS CONVICTS.

panied him to the lake.

5 o'clock in the morning, and accom-

Workers at Auburn Prison.

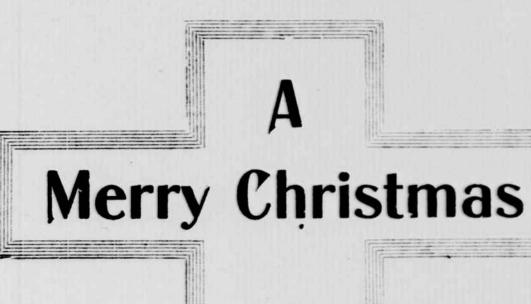
AUBURN, N. Y., December 25 .- The convicts in Auburn prison enjoyed sented the Christmas cantata, "The Star Foreign Correspondence of The Star.

The usual prison "chuck" was exalted The inmates of the women's prison also enjoyed a Christmas entertainment and

CHEER FOR HOOSIER POET. Twelve Hundred Letters Received by James Whitcomb Riley.

James Whitcomb Riley, the Hoosier poet. who has been ill for several months. "I can't answer them," said Mr. Riley, with a rueful glance at his right arm, of in charge of the concierge, remarking From the Housekeeper. Found Slain, Money Missing.

Which he has lost the use. "I can't hold a pencil. I wish I could. But I am not so downcast as many of my friends seem that she was going upstairs to see if that she was going upstairs to see i



Merchants & Mechanics

Savings Bank

FRENCH WOMAN'S CRIME.

Train to Slay Aunt. PARIS, December 16, 1911. In a fit of madness a woman named

Marguerite Pascal killed her husband From the London Chronicle. by the addition of 700 pounds of roast and her aunt. The woman lived in a pork, 100 quarts of cranberry sauce, Paris suburb, and after she shot her eighty gallons of oysters and 1,400 gener- husband with a revolver she took a train ous rations of mince pie, fruit cake, raised to a little hamlet called Savigny-surbiscuits, oranges and apples, and real Orge, ten miles from Paris, where she milk and sugar for the "bootleg" coffee. murdered her aged aunt. She then returned to Paris and coolly surrendered is good enough. And the "young lady"

daughter lunched at a restaurant, and men's socks. afterwards Mme. Pascal purchased a revolver and a quantity of cartridges. Returning home, she left the daughter

Postmaster Hoge Reported Better. L. Clarke Hoge, postmaster of Lees Kills Husband. Then Journeys by burg, Va., who was operated on for appendicitis Saturday at George Washington University Hospital, was today reported to be improving.

Gentleman and Lady.

Mme. Pascal has been suffering from become the "girl" of ours. These are neurasthenia, and more than once she marked improvements. But the boothas been heard to threaten to take her seller will have none of them. He must own life. Her husband, who had been still stick on his shop window "Gent's in the gendarmerie force in Tongking, and Men's Boots" and "Ladies' and Woreturned to France some months back. men's Shoes." Is this because the boot-He was of an irascible temperament, maker is conservative, or does he think and there were frequent scenes between his prospective customers get any satthe couple. Mme. Pascal, after a quar- isfaction out of deciding in their own INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., December 25 .- rel with her husband, went aut, accom- minds precisely what they are?" You I welve hundred letters of Christmas panied by her nine-years-old daughter, may still wonder whether you are weargreeting and sympathy came today to leaving her husband in bed. Mother and ing "gent's hose or just the ordinary

A Modern Parable.

skull crushed and knift wounds about the skull crushed and shoulders, the body of G. Bietro, neck and shoulders, the body of G. Bietro, to the Pacific, whom I have never even to the Pacific, whom I have never even to the Pacific, whom I have never even to the Pacific to the P they were so close that we could feel their muzzles against our legs, so muzzles against our legs, so Alarm Sounded for Blazing Chimney. a truck gardener residing near Lone seen. This is a merry Christmas for me, for all my unknown friends. In hope, for all my unknown friends. The experts have been asked to report on the latters are in verse. A blaze in the chimney of the house at "Ah," sighed the lady, greatly relieved, B20 B street northeast this afternoon about 12:30 o'clock alarmed the occupants, and an alarm brought the firemen, who extinguished the fire after slight will be a tedious task."

Ford. was found in a pool of blood here today. Bietro had been murdered. He some of the letters are in verse. One admirer advises that the poet learn to when he was green. He follered the deer's tracks all right, but he follered in the f how glad you must have been that they had their muzzles on!" If you want work read the want columns of The Star.